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# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



George Blanchard  
**Governor**



Isaac Gibson  
**Lt. Governor**



Michelle Lopez  
**Secretary**



Kathy Deere  
**Treasurer**



Jeffrey Gibson  
**Representative**

## GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings to all Tribal members,

I want to take this opportunity to give a hearty welcome to the newly elected Executive Committee members Isaac Gibson, Kathy Deere, and Jeff Gibson to their leadership positions for our Tribe. I really appreciate the new ideas this group has brought to our meetings sense my main interest is moving the Tribe forward economically and culturally and providing more and better services to you, the Tribal members. All three are presenting some very good ideas in these areas, and I look forward to a very productive year for the Tribe.

During the May disaster the employees of this Tribe really went above and beyond to assist our Tribal members in the clean up and providing meals to those in need of help. Their extraordinary efforts were mirrored by several Tribal members who volunteered countless hours to the operation and made it all possible. Thanks to you all.

At the present time, we are awaiting the decision of officials in Washington D.C. regarding the probate hearings involving the CPN's. As soon as a decision is heard, we will meet with everyone to notify you of the decision.

There is an attempt to form a Committee in the Johnson Community to get development of the area started. A feasibility study would be required before

the commitment of Tribal dollars to any area. If there is a need for a convenience store in the area we will certainly be the first to try and find a vendor, or develop a Tribal store.

In closing, some of our relatives are not feeling as well as they should. My thoughts and prayers will be with them every day at all times.

Thank you,

George Blanchard,  
Governor

## Lt. GOVERNOR'S REPORT

I would like to thank everyone that supported the new administration in the recent election. As I have only been on duty for a month, this report will be limited. We have had several meetings with Donnie Smith, Fiduciary Trust Officer, Southern Plains Region. When I came on board I found out immediately that the Master Decision Maker for Indian Probates has made nine (9) recommendations to date, that Native American's owning less than 5% interest in AST trust land that pass away without a will, be ceded back to the Citizen Potawatomi. We are corresponding with the Office of Special Trustee, former Lieutenant Governor Little Axe and Governor Blanchard made a trip to Washington,

D.C. to speak with Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Larry Echo Hawk in trying to stop this. The Executive Committee are all united in this effort. There will be meetings held with information regarding what you can do as individual tribal members to stop OUR land from going to the Potawatomi. Please watch the tribal newsletter for meeting dates and information.

We are also working on putting together a current transportation improvement plan. Under the organizational chart that was adopted when I took office, I have over sight of the self governance compacts (BIA and IHS). If you have questions regarding these programs or any other tribally related issues, please let me know. I will try to assist in anyway I can.

I am looking forward to the upcoming two years. We have some challenges on our hands and I plan to meet them head on. Once again, thank you for your support and I look forward to working for you as Lieutenant Governor.

Respectfully

/s/

Isaac Gibson, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello Tribal members.

Well it's been a slow couple of weeks around here with the new officials getting to know their programs, coworkers and settling in their offices of choice. Hopefully we will get on track and move onward. I look forward to work with the new officials and hope we can move this tribe into the next generation of Economic Development.

I would like to update everyone on the lowering of the Blood quantum. We the EC passed the resolution on March 17, 2010 to lower the blood quantum to one eighth, and then I proceeded to calling the BIA on what the next step would be for the referendum election and finally received a call back on July 1, 2010 on how to proceed. I was to send a copy of resolution and a letter of intent to the Regional Director Mr. Deerinwater at the Anadarko office and that he would delegate it out to one of the Directors. Well as of July 13, 2010 we are still waiting on this to happen and for them to get back in touch with my office. I have left numerous voice messages to no prevail. So as soon as I hear something I will update you on the progress.

I am currently a volunteer in the AARP program and would like to update the members of our tribe about some of the Legislative Priorities that have been currently passed.

### **HB 2776 Effective November 1, 2010:**

Lists information that is in the public's best interest to know when the caretaker of a vulnerable adult has been charged with causing death or near death, including circumstances of the investigation. HB 2733 was vetoed by Governor and the language was added in **HB 1964**, which was approved, and it went into effect on July 1, 2010. This language makes it easier for relatives to petition and acquire guardianship for minors and establishes a judicial procedure for custody by a relative after a parent has abandoned the child.

### **SB 1289 Effective November 1, 2010:**

Amends current law to provide that any person who has pled guilty or no contest to, or received a deferred sentence, for a variety of offenses cannot be hired as a nurse aide by a long-term care facility or home health/home care agency.

These are just a few of the Bills that will go in effect this year and there is many more to come for Senior Nutrition Program Funding, Grand parenting and Long-term Care. Will keep you updated. There are a couple of other ideas that the state has to raise revenue by \$180 million and they include: expanding the state's vehicle insurance verification program by using cameras mounted on state highways to record and ticket motorists driving without insurance; develop a procedure to collect sales tax on internet and catalog sales not currently being collected; a new 1 percent fee insurance companies will pay on health care claims, which is expected to generate \$78 million and should be matched 3-1 with federal funds to be used to stabilize the state's Medicaid program. So keep an eye out

Well I hope to have more to talk about on the Tribal side of news in next month's issue.

Thank you Secretary Lopez

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Greetings Tribal Members,

First of all, I want to thank you all for your vote of confidence in electing me as your Tribal Treasurer! Appreciate the calls, emails, and support you have all shown me! NIAWA, Elders for their delicious meal they prepared for the "Swearing-In Ceremony".

Secondly, I extend my congratulations to the other newly elected officials, Isaac Gibson, Jr., Lt. Governor and Jeff Gibson, Representative. All of us are committed to work together for the development and enhancement of our tribal programs and services for

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members. Our commitment is to work towards making our Tribe known as a trendsetter once again!

Thirdly, I'm giving you an update of my first couple of weeks in the office of Treasurer. I'm finishing up my last few weeks at my current job, so I have been part time here at the Tribal complex and part time at my other job. Moved into Governor's Bldg on the east end; we have had a special meeting on two resolutions, (See Resolutions Passed); a get acquainted meeting with the Finance Department; Employees Committee's Recognition lunch; Pictures taken for complex, newsletter, and website; All Nations Bank; Shareholders' Representative Quarterly with Li Si Nwi Health, Inc and the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Authority, Inc; Luncheon meeting with Attorney General Office Staff; Office of Special Trustee concerning probate court cases; and numerous informal meetings between staff and EC members.

Lastly, Financial Audit for 2009 is ready and if you want a copy, please give me a call. As of December 31, 2009, net assets for the governmental activities and business-type activities increased **\$781,164**. Tribe, as a whole, improved its financial condition from the prior year. The finance department deserves a big "Thank You" from us all in their commitment and diligent manner they have shown in making sure our processes for tracking and transacting purposes are kept up to date. Keep up the excellent work! It takes all of us working together to make sure we get our documentation submitted to finance in a timely manner to get things done! My office is open door policy, so drop by and say hello or call me at 275-4030 Ext. 118 and email is [kdeere@astribe.com](mailto:kdeere@astribe.com) Thanks and Blessings to all.

Treasurer Deere



# FINANCE DEPARTMENT

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT AUGUST 2010

The Finance office continues in keeping the day to day activities flowing efficiently and effectively through communication between the Finance office and Programs. In working together, we have found the most time effective and cost effective processes for transacting business. Thanks to the Executive Committee and all the programs for their support and understanding in the Finance Department's continued efforts to stay caught up.

Our 2009 Audit is complete which includes the MD&A (Management Discussion and Analysis) and has been submitted to the Federal reporting offices. The MD&A report is an informative report within the 2009 Audit; which is a brief review and explanation of the Audit. Accounting continues to stay caught up and Financials are being completed Quarterly and being reported to the Department of Interior – June 30, 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2010 reports will be submitted as soon as the June books are closed and by July 31, 2010 at the latest.

The Indirect Cost Proposal for 2011 is in final stages with a final review and completion of an audited trial balance to accompany the proposal. It is imperative the accounting / bookkeeping be caught up and continues to stay caught up so that audits go smoothly so that Indirect Cost rates will stay up to date as well. Audits affect the ability to submit indirect cost proposals which affects grants. The Indirect Cost proposal target date is due June 30, 2010 and we should be able to submit the completed proposal by July 17, 2010.

The Bond Financing closed May 27, 2010 so the funding for the new health clinic is complete. With this completion there is a need for the accounting for the Li Si Wi Nwi, Health Clinic (formerly

the Little Axe Clinic) to have its own financial reports. The Finance department is working diligently to make that necessary change and rolling into August, we continue to work on this new set of books.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Finance Department has a very hard working group of people and it is an honor to work with them and at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. We are all very excited to welcome the Tribe's new Treasurer, Kathy Deere to the Executive Committee and we are very anxious to work with Ms. Deere as we believe she brings strong values and governmental knowledge to the Tribe. The Finance department welcomes the Tribe's new Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson and Representative Jeff Gibson as well. Welcome to the Tribe, Treasurer Kathy Deere, Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, and Representative Jeff Gibson.

This department, as always, would like to extend a special thanks and note of appreciation to the Executive Committee for providing the tools, resources and support to enable the finance staff to reach the accomplished goals and to continue with this effort. A special thanks and note of appreciation to Program Managers and Employees of the Tribe for their assistance and dedication in our group effort toward accomplishing our goal. Now that we are caught up, we are dedicated to continue our efforts in this direction.

If you have any questions or needs, please call 405-275-4030 ext 162 and I will be glad to assist you in any way I can.

Thank you,  
Belinda Collins, Controller

TAX CATEGORY	FY-2010 YTD TAX COLLECTIONS (thru 6/30/2010)					YEAR-TO-DATE		% OF JUNE	TOTAL COLLECTIONS	
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	APRIL	MAY		JUNE	
Sales (6%)	\$6,427.61	\$6,733.05	\$7,875.54	\$8,710.79		\$8,710.79		\$105.09	\$19,706.89	4.12%
Gaming % of free cash	\$51,581.00	\$144,551.00	\$266,645.00	\$205,410.00		\$205,410.00		\$4,585.09	\$168,710.00	77.86%
Employee (1%)	\$10,591.43	\$8,094.39	\$7,956.42	\$13,023.30		\$13,023.30		\$4,585.09	\$9,014.19	4.43%
Severance (8%)	\$1,337.71	\$1,422.00	\$3,983.15	\$3,993.27		\$3,993.27		\$686.39	\$3,256.59	1.22%
Motor Vehicle	\$7,677.61	\$13,795.32	\$13,902.50	\$12,220.72		\$12,220.72		\$8,255.01	\$12,245.73	5.66%
Tobacco Refund	\$0.00	\$15,292.49	\$10,187.03	\$19,193.77		\$18,623.92		\$15,749.94	\$79,047.15	6.57%
TOTAL TAXES	\$77,615.36	\$189,888.25	\$310,549.64	\$262,551.85		\$262,551.85		\$132,255.50	\$228,683.34	
Miscellaneous	\$795.00	\$282.50	\$217.50	\$135.00		\$135.00		\$230.00	\$110.00	0.15%
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$78,410.36	\$190,170.75	\$310,767.14	\$262,686.85		\$262,686.85		\$132,485.50	\$228,793.34	100%

NOTE:



## REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Tribal Members

I hope everyone is inside and out of the hot weather. If you are working in the heat make sure you are drinking plenty of liquids. I want to thank everyone that supported me in this past Election. It has been nothing but pure joy being able to work beside the other Executive Committee members and I know it's too early to say, but I'm very optimistic that we will move this Tribe in a different direction. So far, I have had some real good meetings with the directors that are over the programs under me. I intend on meeting with everyone on campus, because I believe that it just doesn't take 1 or 5 people to make the tribe successful it takes all the employees! Next month I will have more time to update you on all the events that are happening within the tribe. I would like to thank the Employee Committee for welcoming in the newly elected Executive Committee Members with a meet and greet luncheon, that was served at lunch time and the turnout for the event was very encouraging and promising. So once again NE-YI-WA! For your support. I look forward to what the future brings to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe!

Representative Jeff Gibson

# OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

## FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION

**The current Election Commission is as follows:**

**Sabrina Little Axe  
Augustine Johnson  
Meredith Wahpekeche  
Shirley Adkins  
Mary Birdtail  
Tina Ciulla  
JoAnn Walker**

**Election Commissioner  
Deputy Commissioner  
Election Secretary  
Commission member #1  
Commission member #2  
Alternate  
Alternate**





# OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Lt. Governor: (2 Year Term)**

Isaac Gibson, Jr. 205 Votes

Dan Little Axe, Sr. 182 Votes

**Treasurer: (2 Year Term)**

Scott Miller 166 Votes

Kathy Deere 219 Votes

**Representative: (2 Year Term)**

Jeff Gibson 232 Votes

Betty Watson 155 Votes





**IS YOUR NAME LISTED BELOW?** If so call the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, Trust Beneficiary Call Center's Toll Free Number is 1-888-678-6836 of Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST), Southern Plains Regional Office 405-247-1505. Once OST verifies the information provided by the IIM Beneficiary OST will update their account. In most cases OST is holding funds in the trust beneficiaries IIM account that is derived from ownership in trust lands.

#### SOUTHERN PLAINS REGION

NAME	TRIBE
ADDIS, WILLIAM F	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
ADKINS, SHIRLEY R. (JOHNSON)	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
ALFORD, GEORGE W	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
ANDERSON, JEFFREY E	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
BALLARD, JAMES W	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
BATEMAN, ALBERTA D	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
BISHOP, RICHARD P	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
BLANCHARD, AMY L	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
BLANCHARD, BURTIS C	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
BLANCHARD, MARK L	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
BOATMAN, JOSHUA P	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
BOATMAN, MARK J	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
BRASURE, LISA	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
BROWN, PAULA A	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
BUCKLEY, GERALD W	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
BUTLER, COLLEEN L	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
BYERS, JONELL	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
CAMP, ERMA E JONES	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
CANADA, MIKE	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
CHUPP, ANGELA M	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
CLARK, GERALD R	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
COODY, ERIN MELODY DELODGE	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
COON, WYNONA	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
CUALLAR, PHILEMON JR	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
DANNER, LUNND LUNN D	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
DELODGE, CHEYENNE MACHELLE	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
DELODGE, DWIGHT LEE	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
DELODGE, EZRA MANUEL	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
DELODGE, RAYMOND LOUIS	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
DELODGE, WAYNE LEE	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
DOHRWARDT, SHERRY A JOHNSON	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
ENGLAND, CONNIE S	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
FOLKS, NORMA C	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
FOREMAN, BILLIE J	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
FOREMAN, MARLENE L (QUEEN)	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
FUQUA, NANCY RAE TIGER	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK
GANT, PHILLIP M	ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS, OK







# AST EMPLOYEE PICNIC

The Employee Committee would like to say Thank you to those employees that brought food to the employee picnic. Thank you to the Executive committee for their donations for the picnic. Thank you to the Diabetes department for taking over the responsibility of the games we had at the picnic. Thank you to the Maintenance and OEP departments for all their help. Thank you to Title 6 for all that you did and for the donations. Thank you to Building Blocks for your help. A special Thank you to Darrell Larney, Andy Warrior, and Sharon Ponkilla. Everyone that had a hand in helping us get the picnic together we Thank you. If we have left anyone off I apologize. We couldn't have done this without every employee. We wanted to show you how much you are appreciated and we hope that everyone had a GREAT time at the picnic.

Thank you employees:

The Employee Committee  
Randy, Mary, Glendine, and Debra

I would like to thank all the employees of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe for their assistance with the annual employee picnic. When we all come together as one, we can make good things happen for one another! I encourage everyone to participate in all the activities the employee committee plans. Keep up the good work! And we will see what else we can come together and do. Sincerely, Mary Ponkilla

Many employees gathered by Shawnee Lake in good spirits of enjoyment and gratitude. We gathered in a way of fellowshiping with one another with a dinner and games. The "Employee Picnic" was put on in appreciation for the all the employees who selflessly give to the Tribe. Absentee Shawnee Tribal programs are challenged with opportunities for enhancing tribal members. Many of the employees take on a great task of seeing goals are achieved and what as a tribe can take on new accomplishments. There is great deal of responsibility and tasks must be performed in a timely manner. Sometimes each position may consist of helping another co-worked to reach the department objectives. These efforts are appreciated and would like to expressed in a dinner we call "Employee Picnic"! Randy

The annual employee picnic was a blast, many comments that were heard, was the how much fun everyone had and the food was great! The heat and humidity was high on that day but it still seemed to be a wonderful and joyous time for all the employees to get together at one time. Hopefully this event continues yearly. The heat is a part of summertime and it will just have to be overlooked! Glendine











## 2010 Red Earth Run

On June 19th, the Healthy Heart program attended the 2010 Red Earth Festival Run. Healthy Heart individuals participated in the Red Earth 2K walk and one Healthy Heart individual participated in the 5K run. Over 20 individuals participated in the event.

The Healthy Heart program attends various statewide walking events to promote healthy lifestyle activities among program participants. Research has shown it is possible to reduce the risk of developing cardiovascular disease and diabetes maintaining a healthy diet and physical activity. During these events Healthy Heart participants enjoy a fun day of physical activities and camaraderie with each other.

We are currently recruiting individuals for the Healthy Heart Program. If you are interested in becoming a member and would like information regarding the Healthy Heart Program, please contact Buster Bread at the Little Axe (405) 364-7298 or Chrissy Wiens at Shawnee (405) 878-4702.

The Healthy Heart program's goal is to reduce to the risk of cardiovascular disease in American Indians with Type 2 diabetes. We are looking for people who are:

- Over the age of 18
- Diagnosed with type 2 diabetes
- American Indian



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Dear Tribal Citizen,

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Board of Directors determined in 2009 that Contract Health Services, excluding vision benefits, will not be extended to those residing outside of the catchment area.

Eligible Tribal Citizens must reside in side the defined catchment area for at least a period of thirty (30) consecutive days prior to becoming eligible for Contract Health benefits. The five (5) county catchment area includes Pottawatomie, Oklahoma, Cleveland, Logan and Lincoln counties. As an eligible tribal citizen you may still seek direct care from our tribal clinics regardless of residency. Contact numbers for our tribal clinics are as follows:

Little Axe Medical & Dental Clinic	(405) 447-0300
Shawnee Medical Clinic	(405) 878-5850
Behavioral Health Services	(405) 878-4716
Diabetes & Wellness	(405) 360-0698

Should you have any questions regarding this policy or need assistance in determining your service area provider, please call (405) 878-4702.



# Absentee Shawnee Tribe Veterans Association

## Schedule of Upcoming Events

(As of August 2010)

POC:

Administrations Officer

John Vanderburg

405 481-3822

[astveterans@gmail.com](mailto:astveterans@gmail.com)

### **AUGUST:**

**Wednesday, 11TH**

AST Veterans Meeting

**7PM**

Thunderbird Casino (Meeting room)

15700 East State Highway 9

Norman, OK 73026

### **SEPTEMBER:**

**Wednesday, 8TH**

AST Veterans Meeting

**7PM**

Thunderbird Casino (Meeting room)

15700 East State Highway 9

Norman, OK 73026

### **OCTOBER:**

**Wednesday, 13TH**

AST Veterans Meeting

**7PM**

TBA

### **NOVEMBER:**

**Saturday, 6TH**

Oklahoma Governor/OK Natl' Guard

Ceremony Honoring Vietnam Veterans

**7PM** (Color Guard will assemble NLT **6:30** pm for a run thru)

Reeves Park - (East Side) Lawrence Ave.

Norman, OK 73072

**Wednesday, 10TH**

AST Veterans Meeting

**7PM**

Thunderbird Casino (Meeting room)

15700 East State Highway 9

Norman, OK 73026

### **DECEMBER:**

**Wednesday, 8TH**

AST Veterans Christmas Dinner

**7PM**

Thunderbird Casino (Meeting room)

15700 East State Highway 9

Norman, OK 73026

**Saturday, 25TH**

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

## LESSONS WE NEED TO REMEMBER

Each day I see things that we all know needs to be fixed. A lot of broken information that led us into our tribal life. Some of the additions that I learned during my years of working with many different people and cultures in their daily routines. Our lessons of long ago were very meaningful to our daily lives and structure for u. I know that the Absentee Shawnee people have every right to be as strong and proud of our accomplishments. The "OLD PEOPLE" showed us how we do things in life and what we need to do to keep our heritage growing.

From the beginning of our childhood the lessons were many and we need to continue to teach our young of today the same principles about life. Each time we lose some meaning of our tribal ways, life, lore, culture and songs, we fall into the category of letting them become extinct. None of us should ever let this happen. This has happened before in our education and living away at the boarding schools. We were not allowed to speak our language, think the Great Maker our way, or practice our life from our home and families.

From the time of our first light in the world we have been taught to respect, not only our parents but our way of life. There are far too many of our young people that seem to have lost the respect of being proud of their heritage. I know that if I talked back to my parents or any Elder, I would have to learn to sit in a different way. For years we as Elders have been role models for the young people and not just to our family. In today's world we let the kids run loose at the dance grounds and be destructive, or not respect the sacredness of the meaning of the dance ground or where we are having the dance. The money it cost to fix the problem is money that could have been used to help our tribe

in another way. We have all seen the incidents that are cute but when they become an eye sore for us, we need to eliminate the actions. All parents and grandparents are very proud of their children and grandparents and they should. But who takes the blame when they do something that stand out against the way we are raised? I guess over the years we are all somewhat to blame but we need to take time to get these corrected. Our old prayer translated by Thomas Wildcat Alford in his book reminds us to pray to the Great Maker for our life and for our enemies as well. They fight for what they believe is right and we do also. But we still pray for them even when doing battle with the enemy for the Great Maker put the people here and made the needs of necessity from Nature for our use and good will. There are lessons about every part of our life and our position in the tribe. Some as leaders and we can't all be the leaders but we still set examples of what is right and wrong. The eyes of the young people are very sharp and they learn their life styles from the ole models they admire.

The dance arena is not a playground and the ceremony has a special meaning for all. I am not saying that we need to be strict as the Army but our conversations with the little people needs to have a lesson and a reason for the information to be remember. For every ten young well mannered children I see it only takes one to destroy the image and good thoughts of a social outing. In my eyes this doesn't say much for my friends, relatives, and people in general if the conduct of the children isn't acceptable. Look around you at any of our functions, dances, or meetings and you will witness what I am writing about. There are many things and ways we can teach the children. I appreciate everyone that has contributed to the wealth of knowledge to teach our tribal ways. I remember once when the drum started a "Flag Song" and two young boys stopped playing football while the singer sang this respectful song. He commented how well it did his heart at the display of respect. This kind of example goes a long way.

Let's be better role models and teach our young to be proud and helpful to the image of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. I am sure this information can fit several instances.

Peyagetisemo  
Frank Tiger ASTCDIB 1661

## Tribal Historic Preservation Office

There are but a few American Indian figures who continue to garner the historical spotlight—nationally or internationally — as often as Tecumseh. Historical descriptions of Tecumseh, whether they be by friend or foe, tend to describe him as a man of exceptional character, energy and determination. While many of his Shawnee brethren, with the exclusion of several groups of Shawnee in Ohio, were settled west of the Mississippi River, he and his brother, Tenskwatawa, the Prophet, along with their cohorts from a number of tribes, headquartered their inter-tribal confederacy in a settlement known as Prophetstown in north central Indiana. This confederacy was formed and led by Tecumseh to resist further American expansion on Indian lands.

During the War of 1812 Tecumseh's confederacy allied with the British and helped British forces tip the scales in their favor in battles waged against the Americans. Presently, plans are being made by a number of organizations to observe the upcoming 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the War of 1812 and events are also being planned to commemorate Tecumseh's role during this period. Myself, Michael Mann and Eastern Shawnee Rep, Robin Dushane had the opportunity to participate in the first of these commemorative events thru the symposium, "The Gathering of the Storm: The Rise of the Tecumseh" in Vincennes, Indiana.

This initial symposium was held in Vincennes because before the breakout of the War, Tecumseh came to meet with Indiana Territory Governor, William Henry Harrison at his residence in Vincennes on two occasions, once in 1810 and again in 1811. Harrison called for these meetings because he was concerned about reports he was receiving of the increasing numbers of Indians settling in Prophetstown and the effects of these numbers on Euro-American settlements.

Below is an excerpt of one of several American interpretations of Tecumseh's speech spoken in Shawnee to Harrison in 1811:

"Brother: I wish you to listen to me well. As I think you do not clearly understand what I before said to you, I will explain it again. Brother, since the peace war made, you have killed some of the Shawnees, Winnebagoes, Delawares, and Miamis, and you have taken our land from us, and I do not see how we can remain at peace if you continue to do so. You try to force the red people to do some injury. It is you that are pushing them on to do mischief. You endeavor to make distinctions. You wish to prevent the Indians doing as we wish them—to unite, and let them consider their lands as the common property of the whole; you take tribes aside and advise them not to come into this measure; and until our design is accomplished we do not wish to accept of your invitation to go and see the President. The reason I tell you this, you want, by your distinctions of Indian tribes in allotting to each a particular tract of land, to make them to war with each other. You never see an Indian come and endeavor to make the white people do so. You are continually driving the red people; when, at last, you will drive them into the Great Lake, where they can't either stand or walk."

**A Speech by Tecumseh (Source:** Edward Eggleston and L. E. Seelye, Tecumseh and the Shawnee Prophet, Dodd, Mead and Co., N.Y., 1878, pp. 182—86).

Following this 1811 visit to Vincennes, Tecumseh then journeyed south to encourage the southern tribes to join his movement. After his departure, Harrison's impression of Tecumseh is captured in this report:

"The implicit obedience and respect which the followers of Tecumseh pay to him, is really astonishing, and more than any other circumstances bespeaks him one of those uncommon geniuses which spring up occasionally to produce revolutions, and overturn the established order of things. If it were not for the vicinity of the United States, he would perhaps, be the founder of an empire that would rival in glory Mexico or Peru. No difficulties deter him. For four years he has been in constant motion. You see him today on the Wabash and in a short time hear of him on the shores of Lake Erie or Michigan, or on the banks of the Mississippi; and wherever he goes he makes an impression favorable to his purposes."

Though Tecumseh's life ended at the Battle of Thames in 1813 and with it his plans for an inter-tribal confederacy, his efforts are remembered and his bloodline continues through a number of descendants among the Absentee Shawnee today.

If you would like to learn more about the Indiana perspective of Tecumseh and the War of 1812 please check out: [www.thefirstvolley.com](http://www.thefirstvolley.com)





The grove where Tecumseh and Harrison met was in front of Harrison's residence. The original grove has been destroyed by a railroad track and a parking lot for visitors to Harrison's residence.



Governor Harrison's mansion in Vincennes.



## News from the Elders Corner, July 2010

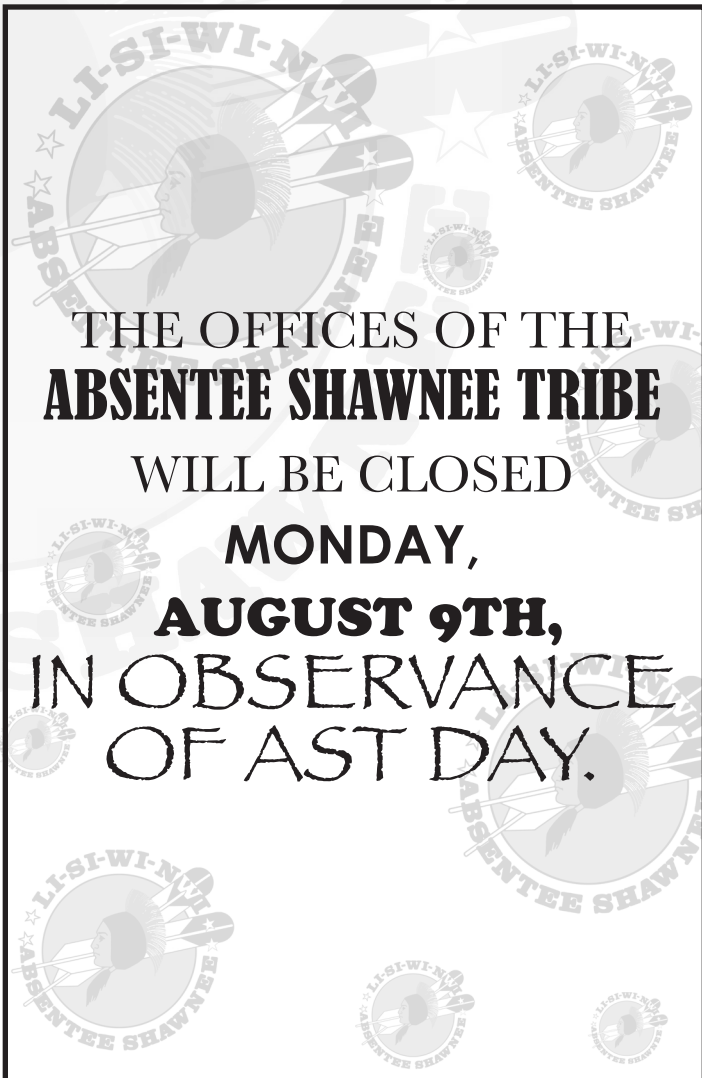
By: Cynthia Longhorn, Secretary

Our recent hot weather did not deter our Elders from having their regular monthly meeting, Saturday, July 17, 2010 at the Resource Center in Little Axe. A quorum was established with twenty-five (25) tribal members present and thirteen (13) guests present. Elders Council officers were present, that included Gene Parker, President; Mary Birdtail, Vice-President, Kathy Deere, Treasurer and Cynthia Longhorn, Secretary. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 and the invocation given by Don Schulenberg, husband of tribal member, Esteline Schulenberg. Celebrating birthdays for the month of July were Esteline Schulenberg, Mary Birdtail and Ed Little. Announcements were heard that included news of Gerry Roller having a recent procedure that will require several months recuperation. Gerry and Lee Roller's daughter is recovering from a recent health crisis, also. A item brought before the Council by President Parker was the subject of children at the meeting. It was pointed out the past discussions had indicated that only Elders and their legal spouses should be in attendance at these meetings. Next, Dora Citty stated that she would be making and donating a dress for raffle that would be available in August.

Cynthia Longhorn explained to the Council that due to a malfunction of the copy machine, page tow of the June 26, 2010 minutes was inadvertently left out and was not available for review on this date. A motion to table the Minutes until next months meeting (August) was made by Serena Daugherty and seconded by Emily Longman. The motion carried. Treasurer Kathy Deere presented the financial report of June 2010 with copies available for those in attendance. The AST balance was given to be \$9,944.09 and the Elders Council was listed as being \$3,605.64. A motion to accept the report as given was made by David Little, Jr. and seconded by Serena Daugherty.

Special guest speaker was Mr. Donnie Smith, Fudiciary Trust Officer of the Office of the Special Trustee of the Southern Plains Region Office, Anadarko. He addressed tribal members regarding the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004. Mr. Smith provided some very important but little known facts about this Act and encouraged AST members to request and attend Will preparation workshops and learn how and why some arcels of AST land are being allowed to be given to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Man questions about different situations were heard and Mr. Smith patiently answered all, as time would permit.

Kathy Deere informed those present of the previous month's requested information about a vendor and price for embroiderying the AST logo onto shawls for members of the Elders Council and passed around a list for those who were wanting to take advantage of this service. Ed Little asked about the possibility of acquiring a PA system for use during our Council meetings. Woody Wilson inquired of the facilities of the Expo Center in Shawnee, site of the November Pow Wow. The next regular meeting is set for Saturday, August 21, 2010 at the Title VI Building in Shawnee when a Bingo and Cake walk will be held at the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Sadie Low and seconded by Trudy Pickering. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Following that, door prizes were awarded and a pot luck dinner was shared by all and then the scheduled fund raiser Cake/Pie auction was held as well as a 50/50 raffle. For information on anything in this report, contact Cynthia Longhorn at (405)273-4137.



**THE OFFICES OF THE  
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE  
WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY,  
AUGUST 9TH,  
IN OBSERVANCE  
OF AST DAY.**





**Please bring  
the following:**

- A drivers license or state ID
- A tribal ID card with enrollment number
- Ownership information or quarterly statement from OST
- Legal descriptions for each of your real property holdings
- If you wish to specifically bequest personal property, please bring a good description of that personal property (Jewelry, furniture, etc)
- Bring your existing will, if you have one or wish to revise your existing will
- Date of birth of your children or devisees

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# **Last Will & Testament**



**Friday, September 10, 2010**

**9:00am - 3:00pm**

**AST Complex-Building 1**

**Realty Department**

In a joint venture Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) and the Realty Department will conduct a free will clinic at the Absentee Shawnee Complex Building in Shawnee, OK. OILS will be available on-site to assist with questions and the preparations of a Last Will and Testament for Tribal members **ONLY**.

Appointments will be in 45 minute increments, sign in 15 minutes before scheduled time. Please call Norma Barnes at 943-6457, to schedule your appointment

Aguinaga, Joanna Stevens	Clinesmith, Jamie Lenea	Harjo Jr., Victor Ray	Little Axe, Mikah Dean
Alaee, Deena Shabnam	Cody, Kristen Renee	Harjo, Jason Michael	Little Charley, Eldon
Alford, Donald John	Copeland, Matthew Kyle	Harjo, Theresa Michelle	Little Charley, Tyera Nicole
Alford, Janene Flora	Cottrell, Lindsay Russell	Heatley Jr., Abraham Lee	Little Creek, Wiley
Alford, Michael Lee	Crowley, Jessica Ann	Herrera Sr., Ruben Pilar	Little Jim, James Allen
Allen, Zachary Jerald	Cruz, Briel Lashelle	Herrera, Jennifer Marie	Little Jim, Lorene Little Axe
Atwara, Rae Lynn	Curtis, Kenda Janae	Herrera, Renee Christine	Little, Earl Lynn
Balch, Tasha Jamie Renee	Davis, Barbara Ann	Herrod, Lucas Andrew	Littlebear, David Allen
Ballard, James Wesley	Davis, Darrol Everett	Hill, Scotty Lee	Littlebear, Patrick Dale
Barbosa Jr., Francisco	Dawsey, Vera Mae	Holderness, John Lennon	Littlecreek, Cameron Joseph
Lazaro	Day, Linda Lee	Hood, Steven Mark	Littlecreek, Marrisha Renee
Barnes, Alvina Lynn ( Wilson )	Delodge, Cheyenne Ma-	Houston III, Gary Dean	Littlecreek, Richard Lloyd
	chelle	Huckaby, Richard Allen	Littlecreek, Troy Dylan
Barnes, Jonna Kay	Dodds, Clayton Robert	Irvin III, William Jetson	Littlehead, Montana Dane
Barriga, Dana Michelle	Downey, Sheila Ann	Jackson, Amanda Christine	Locke, Ericalee Dawn
Beachem, Lois Marie	Drags Wolf, Whirlwind	James, Barbara Cheryl	Logan, Kathleen June
Bella-Heim, Katherine Ann	Draper, Daria Dawn	Jimerson, Dante Romain	Longden, Marilyn Sue
Berry, Michael Wayne	Durmon, Patrick Duane	Johnson Jr., Robert Anthony	Longhorn, Gabriel Allen
Bettelyoun, Sonia Elaine	Edgmon, Kimberly Ann	Johnson, Augustine	Longhorn, Keith Warren
Blanchard, Caileah Ann	Elkins, David Preston	Johnson, Carrielynn Melissa	Longman, Kirstain Page
Blanchard, Christopher Ray	Ellis, Davy Joe	Johnson, Crystal Faith	Lossie, Amy Laverne
Blanchard, Ervin Lee	Ellis, Margaret E Starr	Johnson, Darrell Ray	Lovins, Jo Ann
Blanchard, Henry Benjamin	Elmore, Braden Lee	Johnson, Desiree Cathonel	Mack, Devin Lee
Blanchard, Jessica Marie	England, Randall Blake	Johnson, Diana Kay	Mack, Kylan Cole
Blanchard, Kaylee Dawn	Farris, Jaroyce Paul	Johnson, Lisa Marie	Mann, Cecil Ray
Blanchard, Kenneth Leland	Felton, Kai Neal Blaze	Johnson, Nicholas Ray	Mann, McCann Allen
Blanchard, Leadra Danae	Felton, Wyatt Cooper	Johnson, Robin	Mann, Michael Ray
Blanchard, Luann Delores	Fixico, Angela Rochelle	Johnson, Ronnie Gene	Mann, Stacy Diane
Blanchard, Ruth Evelyn	Foreman Sr, Leonard De-	Josytewa, Daniel Dakota	Marquez II, Felipe Herrera
Blanchard, Sandra Lynn	wayne	Kaskuske, Clara L.	Marshall, Briana Michelle
Blanchard, Stacie Faye	Fowler, Sofia Evelyn	Kastl, Richard Dean	Marshall, Chris
Blood, Jeffery Lee	Frazier, Kendell Terese	Katsiaficas, Glenda Joanne	Marshall, Laura Lee
Bond, James Phillip	French, Joseph Lee	Alford	Martinez Jr., Jose Martin
Boston, Sheila Marie	Frye, Michele Renia	Kennedy, Rebecca Lea	Martinez, Tecumseh Joaquin
Boston, Sheldon Shannon	Fuentez, Adriana Esperanza	Kennedy, Willie James	Masquas, Zariyah Jade
Brady, Crystal Sue	Galyon ( Cochrane), Joyce	Kinnamon, Alisha Dawn	Masquat, Cheryl Ann
Britt, Nathan Scott	Ann	Kirby, William Anthony	Masquat, Courtney Shea
Brokesoulder, Riley Ann	Garretson, Shawnelle V.	Langston, Nicole Leeann	Masquat, Lindsay Marie
Brown, Teresa	Gibson Jr, Roy Gene	Larney Jr., Nathaniel Roy	Maxwell, Darrell Wayne
Buckheart, Phillip Paul	Gibson, Marie Spoon	Larney, Darrell Wayne	Mc Daniel, Ashley Nicole
Byers, Dallas Landry	Gibson, Morgan Lee	Larney, Tava Dionne	McBride, Caroline Sue
Carlson, Adrianno McBride	Gibson-Hicks, Leila Kay	Latham Sloan, Stone Te-	McPherson, Joshua Alan
Carroll, Wessie Carmen	Gillmore, Tammy Kay	cumseh	Megehee, Hunter Buck
Carter, Rosa Lee	Goodman, Brandon Thomas	Liles, Tammy Gayle	Miller, Stacy Elaine
Casteel, Serenity James	Gray, Dora Estelle	Little, Mark Anthony	Moore, Amanda Rene`
Chambers, Diana Lynn	Greenfield, David Glenn	Little Axe, Angela Renae	Moore, Brian Keith
Chisholm, Anita Sue	Griffin, Armani De`jour	Little Axe, Barbara J White	Moreland, Nettie Louise
Citty, Daniel Keith	Griffin, Corrine Sue	Little Axe, Chastity Lynn	Morris, Nikolai William
Citty, Rachel Danece	Hackbarth, Carol Ann	Little Axe, Jamison Sloan	Mossbacher, Myles Anthony
Ciulla, Kayla Rena	Haney, Carolyn Ann	Little Axe, Kimberly Jolene	Neugent, Victoria Ann



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO



Louise  
Neugent, Zaleah Vee  
Olinger, Donna Sue  
Owens, Alisha Janae  
Panther, Jessalynn Rae Ann  
Pearl, Melody Leann  
Pearl, Roger Allen  
Peetoom, Stephanie Dawn  
Proctor, Tina Marie  
Puckitt, Marilyn Susan  
Puckitt, Ryan Paul  
Ramirez, Librado Bryan  
Ridenour, Lesley Paige  
Riedel, Jerri Annette  
Rojas Jr., Antonio  
Rolette, David Wayne  
Ross, James Edward  
Rudloff, Derek Chace  
Runsabove, Brock Allen  
Salazar, Catherine Lynn  
Sallee, Melanie Rachele  
Sanchez, Janna Lee Anne  
Sanchez, Luisa Raquel  
Sanchez, Steven Mercedes  
Sanchez, Trevor  
Schwarz, Shawn Sigmund  
Scraper, Margaret Alice  
Serena, Shawn Lee  
Shawnee, Lyndell Grant  
Sinks, Daniel Ray  
Sloan, Taya Adalysa Marie  
Sloan, Virginia Michelle  
Sloat, Brett Marshall  
Sloat, Jimmy Wayne  
Sloat, Lorraine Gail  
Snake, Amber Larae  
Spoon Jr., Steven Paul  
Spoon, Alexis Cheyenne  
Spybuck, Nicole Lynn  
Spybuck, Thomas Matthew  
Squire Sr., Kenneth Dale  
Squire, Suzetta Ann  
Starr, Ashley Ann  
Starr, Jamie Dawn  
Stephens, Crystal Ladawn  
Stoliby, Allen Monroe  
Strain, Susan Elaine  
Stricklin, Olivia Sayson  
Sullivan Jr., Thomas Lee  
Switch, Cara Cameron

Switch, Melpherd Dewayne  
Tallchief, Sierra Marie  
Tiger Jr., Leonard Gene  
Tiger, Cierra Alayne  
Tiger, Lily Martha Ruth  
Tiger, Linda Kay  
Tiger, Mary Louise  
Tolbert, Jocelyn Renee`  
Tullius, Ashley Nicole  
Tyner, Lewis Blaine  
Vaughn, Sandra Kay  
Wahpekeche, Joaquin Noah  
Warrior Jr., Manuel Anthony  
Warrior, Samuel Adrian  
Watson, Gregory Doyle  
West, Randall Aaron  
Whinery, Michelle Lauren  
White, Darrel Lee  
White, Michael Brooks  
White, Violet Joyce  
Whitten, Mikayla R.A.C.  
Whitten, Tina Louise  
Williams Jr, Robert  
Williams, Charlotte Virginia  
Williams, Deana Michelle  
Williams, Derrick Heath  
Williams, Jennifer Lee  
Williams, Kaysa Lyn  
Williams, Susan Elizabeth  
Williamson, Jeanie Oldham  
Wilson, Alicia Marie  
Wilson, Anthony Eugene  
Wilson, Debra Ann  
Wilson, Deja Lea  
Wilson, Esperanza Ashley  
Wilson, Sarah Madisen Jane  
Wilson, Terry Blaine  
Wilson, Tiffany Michele  
Wolfe Jr., Zachary Paul  
Wolfe, Zachary Paul  
Woodward, Anthony Emmett  
Woodward, Blake Anthony  
Yates, Trevor Todd Thomas

Happy Birthday to

**Nick Gibson**

**Lindell Shawnee**

**Darrol Davis**

**Leonard Foreman**

**Trevor Yates**

We love you guys!

Marvin & Sherry

Happy 8th Birthday Joaquin!!!

August 23

We love you!!

Mommy and Daddy Lance

Happy Birthday Joaquin!!

Love your sisters and brothers:

Skyla, Lliyah, Mikaylah, Robyn,  
Shawn, And Silas

WISHING YOU A HAPPY

21ST BIRTHDAY

JASON HARJO

WE LOVE YOU,

MOM AND CHARLES

YOUR BROTHER & SISTER

Happy 22nd Birthday Lyndell Grant  
Shawnee!

Hope you have a wonderful day,  
and may it be filled with lots  
surprises

From: Grams, Uncle Gary, Garret  
Henry, and Paige

Happy 12th birthday to Kolbie Lee Harjo  
on August 7th

We Love You !

Tessa & The Battise Family

Happy 12th Birthday to Montana Dane Littlehead  
on August 3rd

We Love You !

Tessa & The Battise Family

In remembrance to our mother Nora Littlehead on  
August 10th, who would be turning 80 and  
who is still deeply missed.

We Love and Miss you Mom

From the family of Nora Littlehead

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

ANITA BRYCE

LOVE

MOM AND BOOBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CLARA KASKUSKE

LOVE

ALL THE KIDS

Happy 46th Birthday to the worlds  
greatest Dad, Gary Gibson and  
a Happy Birthday to Darla June  
Gatzman the worlds coolest aunt!  
May your birthdays be better than  
the ones past!!!

Happy Birthday! from,  
Garret Henry & Paige Pool!

Happy 40th Anniversary Leroy,  
on August 27th.

Love your wife, Henryetta

Happy 17th Birthday Kristen,

Love: Mom, Dad, Koda, Zeus and

Rebel

**Happy Birthday**

**Allie**

**from the media department**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Jerry & Barbara Little Axe

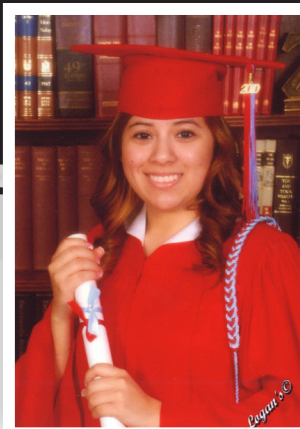
(Dad & Mom)

50 Years of Wedded Bliss since August 11, 1960!  
Thanks for making "US" possible and setting the  
example of what a Good Marriage should be. Our  
memories have been Great!

WE LOVE YOU !

Your "Three Stooges"

Tina, Rena, & Darrell



Big Congrats To our Baby Gurl Jennifer Garcia  
on her Graduation and being accepted into  
University of North Texas, where she will be  
attending this fall.

Love,

Ma, G-ma Beno and

Auntie Jamama



## FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

1. Cup  
ta pe ki
2. Bowl  
ho li ki
3. Spoon  
wa pe ya me qi
4. Fork  
ge fe fe ki
5. Knife  
mi na fe
6. Plates  
ho li ki ni
7. Napkin  
ki fe to na ho wa
8. Salt  
na pe pa me
9. Black Pepper  
We fi ke ki ge ki
10. Pot  
Ho ko qi ke
11. Coffee  
Me se ko ge fe wi po
12. Tea  
Me sa se ke wi po

## Camp Nikoti



**C**amp Nikoti—Summer Youth Leadership Camp 2010, The Outback...Exploring Excellence has come to an end. 26 youth participated in activities to strengthen their leadership and teamwork skills, physical endurance, and cultural identity. We had many guest speakers throughout camp. Our speakers brought important information to the campers and were excellent mentors. Everyday was filled with games, learning sessions, guest speakers, crafts, or field trips. Thank you to everyone who helped us with camp!

Special thanks to Anita Chisholm—AST Treasurer (June 2008-2010), Sherrie Reynolds—Building Blocks CDC, Randy Edge—AST MIS Department, Shaun Weigmann—AST OEH, Henrietta Ellis, Alicia Engler, and Andy Warrior—AST Cultural Preservation Department, Melissa Lopez and JR Wind—AST ICW Department, David Haskins—AST Police Department, Jackie Denny, Linda Gouge, and Kimberly Stephens—AST Domestic Violence Department, Rick Short—CCDF Consultant, Meredith Wahpekeche---Little Axe AST.



**BUILDING  
BLOCKS**  
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
AN ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ENTERPRISE

## Building Blocks C.D.C.

Greetings to all,



**B**uilding Blocks staff and children are excited to announce our third month in the new child

care center. It has been a fantastic and exciting experience as we are settling in here. With a lot of new technology, learning tools and a wonderful staff the children are learning so much and having a lot of opportunities to "learn as they play". The children especially enjoy their large playgrounds and the indoor play area. On Friday's this summer the children are enjoying water days outside. Each afternoon they also look forward to wonderful activities in the indoor play area. This is a wonderful addition to the Building Blocks center. As August progresses the school age children will return to public school. Wow, Back to School time is coming soon. Here at the center we will also be continuing are new curriculum for the fall. The children will be learning more new age appropriate developmental, cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills here at Building Blocks Child Development Center. We are looking forward to a lot of exciting times in our new center and we are very happy to be a part of the AST complex family. Thanks to everyone for your support during the past months as we have settled at the new center.

Come See Us,  
Sherrie Reynolds

Acting Director

## INFORMATION FROM THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE'S INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT

There have been several questions asked of the Indian Child Welfare Department that we would like to answer to give a better understanding of Indian Child Welfare (ICW).

### WHAT IS ICWA?

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is a federal law which sets federal requirements that apply to state custody proceedings involving an Indian child who is a member of or eligible for membership in a federally recognized tribe. It protects the best interest of Indian children and promotes stability and security of Indian tribes and families. ICWA establishes standards for removal of and placement of Indian children in foster care or adoptive homes to prevent the break up of Indian families.

### WHEN DOES ICWA APPLY?

ICWA only applies to foster care placement, termination of parental rights, pre-adoptive placement and adoptive placement of Indian Children. ICWA does not apply to divorce proceedings, unless the parental rights are to be terminated, custody proceedings between parents and family including guardianships, or juvenile delinquency proceedings. For example, ICWA may apply if an Indian child is removed from his or her family by the state and placed in foster care.

### WHAT CAN I DO IF MY CHILDREN ARE BEING ABUSED?

If there is reason to suspect abuse/neglect of any child, a report to child protective services (CPS) should be made immediately. If the child resides on trust land or on a Reservation then that particular Tribe's CPS should be contacted. Housing authority houses may or may not be on Trust land. All other homes would be considered to be on state land and the State's Department of Human Services CPS would need to be contacted and the referral would need to be made through their agency. Tribal CPS CANNOT (solely) investigate suspected abuse/neglect on state land.

### WHEN DO I CONTACT INDIAN CHILD WELFARE?

The ICW department is here to assist with cases involving the abuse/neglect/abandonment of an Indian child for that Tribe. You may contact the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's ICW Department any time you may have a question. If the ICW department is unable to assist you directly, best efforts will be made to refer you to someone who may be able to help.

### FREQUENTLY USED/REQUESTED NUMBERS:

AST ICW – (405) 275-4030 or (800) 256-3341

    Melissa Lopez – ext. 166

    JR Wind – ext. 195

AST PD – (405) 275-3200

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) – (405) 943-6457

Oklahoma's Child Abuse and Neglect 24 Hour Hotline – (800) 522-3511





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- Are you secure in yourself & your parenting Skills?
- Can you maintain a positive attitude toward a child's parents?
- Can you love with all your heart & then let go?

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Many children need a loving home and a family to help them through a very tough time. Please think about it and talk with your family before you become a foster home. They all need safe, supportive environments!

If you find yourself and your family interested in Foster Care, please contact Melissa Lopez  
405-275-4030 ext. 166.

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## Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority

1117 N. Kimberly, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74804

Phone: (405) 273-1050

### Native American Programs Available:

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| ❖ Lease with Option to Purchase  | ❖ Maintenance Assistance  |
| ❖ Rental   | ❖ Down Payment Assistance |
| ❖ Over-Income Down Payment Assistance and<br>Maintenance Assistance for Enrolled AST Members |                           |





# **ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS**

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## PHARMACY NEWS

### ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL PHARMACY SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Pharmacy (Shawnee Location) can fill prescriptions for enrolled tribal citizens only.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic Pharmacy in Little Axe can fill prescriptions for tribal citizens written by Physicians not located at a Tribal Clinic under the following circumstances:

1. The prescription is for an Absentee Shawnee Tribal citizen who has an established chart at the Little Axe Clinic.
2. The prescription is on the formulary of approved medications and stocked in the pharmacy.

The following are a few tips to help us deliver pharmacy services to you more efficiently;

- ✓ Present insurance cards each time you pick up or drop off a prescription.
- ✓ Keep us informed of all changes in address, phone number and other contact information.
- ✓ Let the Pharmacy staff know if the prescription is going to be picked up or needs to be delivered.
- ✓ If you have any questions concerning your prescription please feel free to call and talk to our Pharmacist. They are here to assist you with your pharmaceutical needs.

### Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

#### • Tribal Housing Improvements Application

The Tribal Housing Improvement Program's goal is providing sanitary, safe, and decent housing for its members by utilizing the following criteria to select the most "in need" tribal members with homes that are in disrepair but are still suitable for rehabilitation. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and criteria which is approved by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

- a. Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
- b. Income
- c. Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
- d. Condition of Home

#### Other Programs available:

##### • Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

Applications need to be completed and all necessary documents attached before the application will be processed.

Applications are available online on the website: [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com).

Submit completed application to:

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering  
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.  
Shawnee, Ok 74801

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex  
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13  
If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 214-4235

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Little Axe Clinic • Little Axe Dental Clinic  
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Norman, Oklahoma 73026

Phone: (405) 447-0300 Fax: (405) 447-2250

#### Clinic Operating Hours

Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Weekends/Federal Holidays

Closed

\* Clinic and Pharmacy will be closed the  
3rd Wednesday of each month  
from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m



# FOLLOWING THE TRAIL

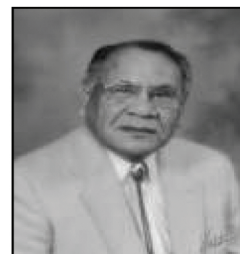
October 9, 2010

Native American Men  
and Boys Conference

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**Clint Sinclair**  
Evangelist  
Okemah, OK



**Eddie Lindsey**  
BGCO  
Oklahoma City, OK



**Dean Blevins**  
KWTU, Sports Director  
Oklahoma City, OK

## Conference Location:

**Cornerstone  
Indian  
Baptist  
Church**  
Little Axe, Oklahoma

## Registration Costs:

***Before August 6, 2010***

**Men: \$15.00**

**Boys (12-18): \$10.00**

***After August 6, 2010***

**Men: \$20.00**

**Boys (12-18): \$15.00**

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August 2010

menu subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>Pulled Pork</b> <b>BBQ Sand.</b> <b>Pickles/Onion</b> <b>Chips</b> <b>Yogurt</b>	3 <b>Spaghetti</b> <b>w/meat sauce</b> <b>Greenbeans</b> <b>Bread Stick</b> <b>Salad Bar</b>	4 <b>Sliced Turkey</b> <b>Dressing/gravy</b> <b>Pea &amp; Carrots</b> <b>Bread</b> <b>Cobbler</b>	5 <b>Goulash</b> <b>Squash</b> <b>Roll</b> <b>Cake</b>	6 <b>Boiled Egg</b> <b>Sausage Gravy</b> <b>Biscuit</b>	7
8	9 <b>Ham</b> <b>Okra</b> <b>Black eyed Peas</b> <b>Bread</b> <b>Tropical Fruit</b>	10 <b>Frito Chili Pie</b> <b>Pot. Salad</b> <b>Plums</b>	11 <b>Oven Fried</b> <b>Chicken</b> <b>Mashed pot/Gravy</b> <b>Asparagus</b> <b>Pineapples</b>	12 <b>Grilled Chez</b> <b>Tomato Soup</b> <b>Crackers</b> <b>Pudding</b>	13 <b>Oatmeal</b> <b>Sausage Links</b> <b>Cinnamon Raisin</b> <b>Biscuit</b>	14
15	16 <b>Hoagie</b> <b>Sandwich</b> <b>Italian</b> <b>Pasta Salad</b> <b>Fruit Cocktail</b>	17 <b>Tamales</b> <b>Spainsh Rice</b> <b>Refried Beans</b> <b>Cherry Crisp</b> <b>Salad Bar</b>	18 <b>Polish Sausage</b> <b>Kraut</b> <b>Mac N Chez</b> <b>peas</b> <b>Cake</b>	19 <b>Pinto Beans</b> <b>Cornbread</b> <b>Steakfries</b> <b>Pears</b>	20 <b>Pancakes</b> <b>Sausage Patties</b> <b>Fruit</b>	21
22	23 <b>Chef Salad</b> <b>Grilled Chicken</b> <b>Cott. Chez</b> <b>Peaches</b>	24 <b>Salibury Steak</b> <b>Mashed Pot./gravy</b> <b>Cali. Veggies</b> <b>Chocolate Pie</b>	25 <b>Hot Beef Sand.</b> <b>Onion</b> <b>Chips</b> <b>Oatmeal Cookie</b>	26 <b>Stew</b> <b>Cowboy Bread</b> <b>Beets</b> <b>Cobbler</b>	27 <b>Scrambled Eggs</b> <b>Bacon</b> <b>Hashbrown</b> <b>Banana Muffin</b>	28
29	30 <b>Soft Taco</b> <b>Lett, Tom</b> <b>Mexi-corn</b> <b>Cinnamon Roll</b>	31 <b>Fish</b> <b>Hushpuppies</b> <b>Coleslaw</b> <b>Applecrisp</b> <b>Salad Bar</b>	<b>ABSENTEE</b> <b>SHAWNEE</b> <b>DAY</b> <b>TBA</b>			

**NOT GOING TO BE HOME CALL**  
**US AT 275-4030 EXT 169 OR**  
**NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER**



August 2010



The Title VI Staff hopes everyone is keeping hydrated and cool this summer.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE DAY will be in August, TBA, we will not be serving or delivering on this day. We will send a note out when we know something.

Once again would like to remind the homebound that we would like for them to put an ice pack in your ice chest so that it would keep your meal & milk from spoiling. Thank You.

If you have any questions you can call us at 405-275-4030 ext.169.



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**Some services that are offered include:**

**Business Cards**

**Invitations**

**Announcements**

**Calendars**

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# **FREE Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors still Available!!**

OEH personnel will provide and install smoke alarms and/or carbon monoxide detectors for enrolled Absentee Shawnee tribal members living in Pottawatomie, Cleveland, or Oklahoma County.

Please complete an application/short survey form and schedule a time and date for installation. Application/survey forms are available at the OEH office and at [www.astribes.com](http://www.astribes.com).

Please contact OEH at 214-4235 for more information.

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## **Absentee Shawnee Tribe**

### **Enrollment office Address Change Request**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CDIB# \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Member Signature

Date

**Please Mail to:  
Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
Enrollment Office  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, OK. 74801**



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE  
OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA  
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SHAWNEE, OK 74801

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RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED

## 2010 TRIBAL PHONE NUMBERS

Tribal Complex	(405) 275-4030
or	1-800 256-3341
OEP	(405) 273-9966
Building Blocks	(405) 878-0633
Health Programs	(405) 878-4702
or	1-877-878-4702
Little Axe Clinic	(405) 447-0300
Shawnee Clinic	(405) 878-5850
Shawnee Pharmacy	(405) 878-5859
Behavioral Health	(405) 878-4716
LA Resource Center	(405) 364-7298
or	(405) 364-7569
LA Cultural Center	(405) 447-3372
AST Police	(405) 275-3200
or	(405) 275-3432
OEH	(405) 214-4235
AS Housing Authority	(405) 273-1050
Thunderbird Casino	(405) 360-9270
Or	1-800-259-LUCK
AST Media Dept	(405) 598-1279
AST Media Dept	Fax (405) 598-1294